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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS  
FOR A SOLE SOURCE AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NUMBER 75565  
WITH COMPUTER DATA SOURCE, INCORPORATED FOR COMPUTER  
HARDWARE MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

**SUBJECT**

This letter provides advance notification to your Board that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) intends to enter into negotiations without engaging in a competitive solicitation process for a Sole Source Amendment (Amendment) to Agreement Number 75565 (Agreement) with Computer Data Source, Incorporated (Computer Data Source) for the continued computer hardware maintenance services for the Hewlett Packard (HP) computer hardware that supports the Department's Mobile Digital Communications System (MDCS), which will extend the Agreement for an additional two years and an option not to exceed 12 months.

**BACKGROUND**

Computer Data Source has provided maintenance services for the Department's HP computer hardware that supports the MDCS since February 9, 2006, through the Agreement. This Agreement was approved by your Board on January 31, 2006, and will expire on August 8, 2011.

The MDCS is a mission critical Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD System) that has been in use since 1989. It interfaces with vehicular-based mobile data terminals, the 65-channel UHF radio system, the emergency 911 telephone system, and State and

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county law enforcement databases. It automates collection of field activity data (deputy daily worksheet) for management information reporting and decreases loading on voice dispatch channels allowing clear air time to broadcast emergency traffic.

The CAD System is the lifeline for dispatching and handling of calls for service for the Department, including 911 calls. Emergency and routine calls are handled by the CAD System for all of the unincorporated areas, as well as contract cities on a 24/7 basis. The CAD System also provides billing information for the contract cities and organizations, as well as inmate counts of pick-up and drop-off information for all jail transportation buses.

Currently, the Department's CAD System has reached both hardware and software end-of-life support and a new system is estimated to cost in excess of \$20 million. Due to the exorbitant cost of a new system, the Department is compelled to defer the purchase of a new system and upgrade our current system. This upgrade to the CAD System will introduce new HP integrity hardware and software enhancements.

During the upgrade period, it is crucial that the existing HP hardware has continuous maintenance support until the Department's CAD System is upgraded with HP integrity hardware. Furthermore, extending the Agreement with Computer Data Source, which has been providing hardware maintenance support for the Department's CAD System hardware for the past five years, will ensure a continuation of service for the CAD System.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The projected cost of the Amendment with Computer Data Source is estimated at \$350,000 and will be funded by the Department's existing general fund operating budget.

### **SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION**

The Department believes it is in the Los Angeles County's (County) best interest to extend for a short period of time the existing Agreement with Computer Data Source to ensure that HP computer hardware is maintained properly during the CAD System upgrade migration period. Currently, Computer Data Source provides maintenance to HP computer hardware at 23 Department sites within the County. Upon execution of the CAD upgrade, all 23 Department sites will be transitioned to the upgraded system on a Department site-by-site basis. Once a Department site has been upgraded, it will be removed from this Agreement. This transition may take 18 – 24 months and upon completion of the transition to the upgraded HP integrity hardware for all of the Department sites, this Agreement will be terminated.

Extending the current Agreement will save time and money since a new solicitation will require substantial personnel time from the Department, County Counsel, and the Chief Information Office. In addition, the time and effort to release a new solicitation will cause a significant delay with the CAD upgrade project due to the same Department resources dedicating their time to work on the new solicitation and eventually having to train and provide knowledge transfer to a new vendor.

The Chief Information Office has reviewed and concurs with this Sole Source approach.

Pursuant to Board policy, the Department will engage in Sole Source negotiations with Computer Data Source in two weeks, unless otherwise instructed by your Board. Should additional information be requested, your staff may contact Angelo Faiella, Contract Manager, at (323) 526-5183.

Sincerely,



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